



## ***Epicenter: Week 4 — “Corinth (Exchanging Idols for Jesus)”***

**CONNECT:** What’s your favorite thing about the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the state you currently reside in?

### **GROW:**

1. **Read Acts 18:1-11 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-2.** The apostle Paul spent a significant amount of time investing in the church at Corinth. We can imagine his frustration when he receives word of the chaos, division, idolatry, and immorality that has infiltrated the church. What are some of the idols that are prevalent in the American church today? How has the American church compromised its integrity as a result?
2. **Read Psalm 115:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 10:13-14.** Jon and Scott have both referenced the following quote: *“When a good thing becomes an ultimate thing, it becomes a destructive thing.”* The reality is, Satan doesn’t care what or who we worship as long as it’s not Jesus. What are a few indicators of when we’ve crossed the threshold of a good thing becoming an idol? How do we practically guard against this?
3. **Read John 13:35, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, and 1 Corinthians 10:23-24.** Reminding ourselves of the gospel and what Jesus has done for us can realign our true allegiance to Jesus, while also recalibrating our love for Jesus. This should compel us to extend the same sacrificial love we’ve received to others. Why do we so easily forget the gospel and take it for granted? How can we effectively share “the good news” with others?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.** Paul describes how this sacrificial love should be evident in our lives as followers of Jesus. Which of these comes most naturally for you? Which is the most challenging? How can this be used as a source of encouragement?

**PRAY:** Read, pray, and meditate on **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**. Ask God to reveal what areas you might be tempted to compromise your faith in. Then ask Him to help you become more aware, discerning, and humble in your walk with Jesus.

**NEXT:** The gospel isn’t just moral advice for this side of heaven; it has profound implications for life on the other side of eternity. Who can you share the “good news” with this week?